

- MURPHEY HOUSE -

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THE MURPHEY HOUSE
Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia
TENNIS ST.

Owner: Dr. Eugene E. Murphey.

Date of Erection: 1790; altered 1820.

Present Condition: Excellent; interior has been done over.

Furnishings from Paris 1820 -26. Indications are that house may have been renovated more than once.

Number of Stories: Two and attic. Faces north.

Materials of Construction: Stucco exterior walls. Iron front porch.

Other Existing Records: Records by P. Thornton Marye, District Officer HABS 1934. The Garden History of Georgia.

Additional Data: In an interview Dr. Murphey had, in substance, the following to say: "This house served as the Capitol of Georgia, having been built as a Court House and Government Building about 1790 soon after the burning of Augusta. The State Government almost immediately moved to Louisville. In 1811 it was decided to create a new Court House one block up the street. Col. Robert Fitzsimmons bought the house and added the wings about 1820. He brought over all the furnishings, which are still intact, - between 1820 - 1826 from Paris. From that time on practically no change. The walls were originally painted to represent mouldings and paneling, but these faded, and are now under wallpaper."

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Additional Data Cont'd.

The central block of the house consists of four nearly square rooms of unusual size two on each side of a wide central hall containing the stairs,- a typical plan. The two rooms to the right have the effect of one large room from front to rear.

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